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Vitamin D cpds. of formula (I) are new: R1 = H or OH; R2 = 1-3C alkyl, hydroxy(1-3C)alkyl, 1-2C alkoxymethyl, 2-3C alkenyl or 2-3C alkynyl; R3 = an opt. branched, opt. unsatd., aliphatic 3-5 membered hydrocarbon or oxahydrocarbon biradical, contg. at least 3 atoms in the main chain and being opt. substd. by one or more epoxy, fluoro and/or OH gp.; R4 = H or Me; or A + B = CH2.

(I) are useful in treatment of diabetes, inflammatory diseases, osteoporosis, renal osteodystrophy, osteomalacia, skin disorders (e.g. psoriasis, eczema, dermatitis, etc.), myopathy, leukaemia, breast and colon cancer, osteosarcomas, squamous cell carcinomas, melanoma, transplant rejections and immunological disorders. They may also be used for wound healing and may be incorporated in cosmetic compsns. for protection of skin.(I) may also be used for diagnostic purposes. Admin. is oral, topical or parenteral.